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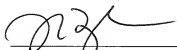
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2009, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group II, claims 35-38, 50 and 51, drawn to a method for determining the potential for an HBV to exhibit reduced sensitivity to a nucleoside or nucleotide analog.

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